

PURPOSE

Monitoring and evaluating the patient's response to therapy, including safety and effectiveness. Selecting, initiating, modifying, or administering medication therapy. Performing a comprehensive medication review to identify, resolve, and prevent medication-related problems, including adverse drug events.

POLICY

It is the policy of Kirstin Care to provide access to medications that promote the desired outcomes of recovery from behavioral health and help alleviate problematic physical and mental health symptoms that are obstacles to recovery and wellness or are required for previously diagnosed medical conditions.

All staff involved in the prescribing and administration of medications will be done in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws pertaining to medications and the controlled substances.

Kirstin Care will ensure and document staff credentials and competency training for all personnel involved in the prescribing and administration of medications.

Kirstin Care will demonstrate the active involvement of the client (and when appropriate family members and others from their support system, with consent) with the education and decision-making process of the medications treatment. The client Satisfaction Survey will contain information regarding the client's view of the effectiveness and satisfaction with the medication treatment.

The medication services will include, but not be limited to:

- All persons served will participate in initial and ongoing screenings and assessments of all areas related to medication use, including past medication use, its effectiveness, past side effects, and allergic or adverse reactions.
- Individual plans will reflect specific goals and objectives related to medications prescribed to support maximum functioning and minimize symptoms and will stress the need to be compliant with the medication protocol.
- The prescriber will ensure that the need for compliance and the consequences associated with not being compliant and how it will affect their treatment, such as hospital re-admission.
- All medications prescribed will be documented in the progress notes.
- A prescribed medication will be continued if a generic medication is not available.
- All medications prescribed by a prescriber will require the completion of a Consent for Medication form.